

ANARCHISTS ACTIVE.

A NEWSPAPER MAN has come into a large inheritance, and it is the sort of inheritance a man of civilized habits would be very apt to refuse. The man in question is the author of the celebrated "Spoonenlyke paper," whose humble abode was the country for a while. Some years ago he was sent on a mission to Dacca, and, tired of scouring the plains for news, became the guest of a gentleman who resided near an Indian settlement. An accident happened to one of the chiefs, and he cured him by some simple means, and for this favor he was adopted by the tribe. This was years ago. Now the startling intelligence is conveyed to him that by the death of one of the chiefs his adoption inherits the vacancy. It is not known whether the newspaper man will lay aside his Faber and pad for the tomahawk and blanket or not. Under certain conditions the temptation might be too great to resist. It is altogether owing to the yearly stipend of an Indian chief that with all his virtues the reporter is sometimes the least bit mercenary.

Government, as the sum due that Government from the Chinese indemnity fund. The bill provides, however, that before payment is made, China the Secretary of State shall pay to the executors of Charles E. Hill \$100,000, in full satisfaction of his claim against China for loss of the steamer Koorgor, in 1893.

Senator Miller, of New York, from the Committee on Agriculture, has favorably reported a bill to provide that the Agricultural Department be executed by the department, under supervision of a Secretary of Agriculture. The composition of the Secretary shall be the same as the Secretaries of the other executive departments. An Assistant Secretary of Agriculture shall be appointed, at the same salary as the Secretary, by the President of the Interior. A chief clerk, at an annual salary of \$2,500, shall also be appointed. The bill further provides for creation of divisions of veterinary science and forestry in the department.

Worst of the season.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Decidedly the worst snow storm this year this season set in here about 8 o'clock to-night. Flakes are falling very fast, driven on blinding gusts from the north, and being very wet clinging to everything they touch. His continued

Philp R. Knicker, a candidate for U. S. Senator from the Southern District of Ohio, was confirmed by the Senate.

Lee Linn, editor of the *Walaah, Ind.*, *Courier*, shot and killed a rough character named Hickey, who threatened him.

The Bar Association of Cincinnati will consider the question of requesting Judges Robertson and Conner to resign from that body.

Five yesterday destroyed the pork packing establishment of G. Cassard & Sons, at Baltimore, causing a loss of \$770,000. Fully insured.

A Committee from the New Orleans Exposition presented a memorial to the President asking the recommendation to Congress for a further appropriation.

There is much suffering among the people formerly employed by the cotton factories in the vicinity of Petersburg, Va., which closed several months ago. Over 100,000 hands are idle. Relief measures have been instituted by the authorities.

Annie and Ella Miller, aged 17 and 13 years respectively, were struck by the rail express at Mapleton, Pa., last night. Ella was instantly killed. Annie was seriously injured, but will probably recover.

They were on their way home from a neighbor meeting.

SHORT ARRAIGNED.
Capt. Phelan searched and a Cuth's Revolver Found on His Person.
New York, Feb. 7.—An immense throng of Irish Nationalists, members of the Fenian Brotherhood, dynamiters and others, were at the Tombs Police Court this afternoon when Richard Short, who stabbed Captain Phelan in O'Donovan Rossa's office, was arraigned for examination. The police force was also well represented.

When Phelan appeared and Short had been led to the bar, Short's counsel asked the jury, "Is it like to know if Phelan had been searched. Judge Patterson replied that he supposed he had, but directed the police to search him. The Sergeant then brought his hand among the bandages which supported Phelan's left arm and pulled out a .38's five-shooter, which was loaded with ball. There was quite a sensation in court when the revolver was discovered. Short

ports in Cameroon and demand indemnity from Germany for the destruction of the Baptist mission property, which the Germans have refused to pay. The annexation of the Cameroon territory by the Germans was obtained from a chief who had no power to grant it.

It is reported the Germans have annexed the whole Cameroon range as far as the English possessions in Ambos bay. Further fighting is expected.

Notes from the Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The steamer *San Japiero* arrived this afternoon bringing Hong Kong dates of January 9 and Okohama of the 19th.

The gunpowder works at Eschau, fourteen miles from Canton, exploded December 22, and killed 250 employees.

The Korean Government has agreed to pay 100,000 dollars to the United States to punish the Japanese and the burning of the Japanese legation December 6; one hundred and twenty thousand yen; also to punish all the leading rioters. It also stated the negotiations were carried on through General Focke, United States minister in Seoul. It is rumored at Peking that Russia will soon make another effort to annex Korea.

to verify that he still lives, he is instructed to terminate the campaign without delay. The instruction is clearly intended to imply a desire on the part of the Government to secure the release of Gordon and companions by means of ransom.

At the latest report Wolsky was without definite news of Gordon's fate. He promised to be liberally rewarded if they could definitely ascertain whether Gordon is dead or alive.

The authorities of the War Office have at a special run into the office, to have direct communication with General Gordon.

Advises received to-night from a British camp, near Metemneh, dated February 1, say: "It is reported that previous to the fall of Khartoum the Mahdi sent General Gordon a uniform, at the same time informing him that the Mahdi was a friendly man, and that General Gordon frequently tried to make arrangements for the departure of himself and comrades. The latter became disheartened over the non-arrival of the British, and anger and mistrust became rampant. The British soldiers, however, were not so easily deceived. General Gordon made many slaves. These slaves were sent to the camp at Pashas. There has been a further fall in the Nile of three feet at Gubat. Navigation is dangerous."

The committee for the fire dress parade will be held at the Danmore Brothers' rink next Thursday evening. Messrs. H. G. Brannan, O. P. Rhodes, E. Topping and Wm. O'Leary. About fifty copies will be present. This should have a large crowd as the proceeds go to the Benevolent Society.

Tree Blocks Destroyed.

HARTFORD, CT., Feb. 8.—The most destructive fire ever known in Stafford, Ct., broke out this morning in the basement of J. J. Gallman's store, Rockwell's block. This block, together with Tilden's block, Baker's block, Charles Prentz's dwelling and the water tank of the New London and Hartford railroad were entirely destroyed. The fire was extinguished at 6:30. Loss \$30,000.

Noted Cattle Breeder Dead.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The *Daily News* of Chicago, Ill., special says: Samuel Powers, widely known as a breeder and raiser of pedigreed horses, died here last night of pneumonia, aged 69. He was worth a quarter of a million dollars.

last report to you, I have advices from the southwestern portion of the State that the wheat crop is being almost destroyed—"winter killed." And from the north, and what I have seen in the last few days, the prospects for wheat is worse than it has been since 1860. Alternate freezing and thaws without snows to protect it, is the principal cause. In Maryland the wheat crop is fully one-third of the year's clear short as compared with last year. Clear of no serious damage. The condition however is not flattering owing to wheat in sowing and the soil being fully prepared to receive the seed.

At the State Board of Agriculture, Secretary of the Board, says that the wheat crop is as low as snow to wheat is ten percent short of last year. I hear of but little damage to the wheat as yet.

In Illinois the acreage sown to wheat is but ten percent short of last year. There is but little damage but nothing serious was reported. In the southern portion of the State the early ground—is now covered with snow and I will not be able to tell you the amount because the condition of the grain till the snow goes off.

Major's Little Catharine is the best and the only reliable Liver Pill known, never fails in the most obstinate cases, purely vegetable.—50 cents. T. W. W.